(b) Does not arise.

(c) and (d) Do not arise. However, Airports Authority of India has, in addition to funds allocated by Government, its own fund which do not lapse.

Enhancement of flight service between Kerala and North-Eastern States

656. SHRI VAYALAR RAVI: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any representation from persons to reach Kerala on the same day from Calcutta and North-East;

(b) whether it is a fact that the Calcutta passengers do not getting any connecting flight to Cochin or Trivandrum from Chennai or Bangalore; and

(c) if so, the steps taken to adjust the flight schedule accordingly?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHARAD YADAV): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Scheduling constraints do not permit Indian Airlines to provide same day connection from Calcutta and North-East to Thiruvananthapuram and Cochin via Chennai and Bangalore. However, passengers from Calcutta can get connection to Cochin via Mumbai on the same day.

Transfer policy in Airports Authority of India

657. SHRI GOVINDRAM MIRI: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the norms fixed with regard to transfer of employees of communication wing of Airports Authority of India at IGI airport, New Delhi;

(b) the number of officials and employees working on the same airport from 6, 10 and 20 years in different categories;

(c) the reasons for their long stay at the same airport;

(d) whether Government propose to adopt a comprehensive policy in this regard; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHARAD YADAV): (a) The transfer policy of Airports Authority of India (AAI) stipulates that except in cases of transfers to tenure stations, the officers and staff shall not normally be transferred from one station to another station in the region before he/she completes a minimum period of three years at that station and from one region to another region before he/she completes five years in that region. However, Group 'D' staff may not be normally transferred except on reduction of establishment/administrative reasons. Request for transfer when made shall be considered subject to the availability of vacancies and the merit of the case.

(b) The number of officials working at the same station between 6 to 10 years and 10 to 20 years is given below:

Sl. No.	Category	Continuous stay for	
		6—10 years	10—20 years
1.	Additional General Manager/ Deputy General Manager	13	04
2.	Senior Manager	56	44
3.	Managers	34	10
4.	Assistant Managers	104	12
5.	Senior Superintendent	16	01

(c) Every year the officers are considered for transfer by AAI as per the transfer policy. Officers may be transferred or retained at any time in view of operational requirement. Since either these officers are not due for transfer as per their turn or due to operational requirements they have not been transferred.

(d) and (e) Do not arise.